

RUEBEN WOODYARD HOUSE

10 UNION STREET

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Rueben Woodyard House

AND/OR COMMON

Union Street Antique Shop

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

10 Union Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Richard Frye Diggs

Telephone #: 948-5677

STREET & NUMBER

103 South Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21157

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Building

Liber #: 655

Folio #: 777

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CARR-505

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Number 10 Union Street fronts the east side of that street at the intersection of the street with 36th Street (a 16' alley) in Westminster. Although the building now has its two gabled roof sections covered in green shingles, an early photograph of Union Street taken from College Hill reveals that beneath the asbestos, number 10 is a two story log house.

As noted, the house is built in two sections, the front half being two stories tall and three-bays-by-one-bay in volume, the rear addition having a one-bay-by-one-bay two story volume. The principal facade has its six bays, (three per floor) regularly aligned. The central door, a later glass and wood door, is a central ground story bay and rests one step up from the sidewalk. The other bays are double-hung sash windows, simply enframed, and two-over-two paned. A modest cornice tops the facade below the rolled tin roof; the same material covers the entire building's roof. The end facades have one 2/2 window per floor, identical to those on the main facades. A corbel-capped brick chimney rises at the gables peak about halfway along the roof. It is this chimney that makes one slightly cautious in calling the house the log house in the photograph. It's certain that the site is the same, but the chimney on the log house is an inside end chimney at the southern end of the building, not in the center of the roof as it is here. (Of course chimneys are not permanent and can be moved.)

The addition, which is clearly an addition, has one small 6/6 window on the second floor and a small 2/2 window directly below on the ground floor on the 36th Street facade. A one story shed roofed porch runs across the east of this addition, providing an exit to it by means of a 19th century door. Another corbel-capped chimney rises at the gables peak inside end of this addition.

Certain features of the house, are very impermanent, but relate to the houses present use, as an antique shop. Such additions include the half wagon wheels strung along the ground on 36th street side, the script "Antiques" sign at the corner of the building, and the green end white aluminum awning that shelters the door on the Union Street facade.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The history of Union Street is vague, at best. However, it seems fairly clear that this southeastern part of the street was once owned by the Royer family. On October 17, 1849 Jessie Royer and his wife, Susanna sold nearly four acres of ground "on New Street" to David Wantz for \$493.75 (Carroll County Deed Book 10, Page 302). This four acre parcel included the land on the eastern side of Union Street between the alley now known as 36th street and the former schoolhouse near Pennsylvania Avenue (no. 36 Union Street) and back to what is now the West End School. On December 28, 1860 Wantz sold a quarter acre lot, (with the log house?) to George Wymerert for \$100 (28/360). A hundred dollars is a very little to pay, even for a log house in an unfashionable neighborhood, but on March 30, 1866, Wymerert sold the place to Reuben Woodyard for \$750, certainly indicating the presence of the house (33/117). It is Woodyard who is listed at living at 12 Union Street in the 1881 City Directory, and the building of this size of the present front section of the house is clearly indicated on an 1876 plat of the City. In fact it is a comparison of the City plat with the c. 1870 photograph, and noting this houses erected and indicated on these two instruments that makes one believe that the log house in the photograph is number 12 Union Street. At the end of the

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being a quarter acre lot on the north side of the intersection of Union Street and 36th Street in Westminster.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Christopher Weeks, Consultant

September, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

c/o City Hall - Public Works Department

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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19th century, an equity case resulted in the houses passing to Daniel S. Warfield for \$429 (81/24) and his heirs sold to a Mary E. Jones on February 8, 1926 (146/524). Ms. Jones sold to Lester C. Waller on October 3, 1940 (173/519) and his personal representative the Carroll County Bank and Trust Company, sold to Richard Frye Diggs and Ernest D. Diggs as tenants in common on October 20, 1970 (476/674). This property, and several others on Union Street, were included in the transaction and the house has been passed back and forth between these two men since.



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RUTHER WOODWARD HOUSE

100 W. ST.

Westminster.

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